THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. K L. BHAGAT): (a) and (b) A Special Plan for expansion of TV in the country during the year 1984-85 is under implementation. No such programme has yet been approved for 1985-86.

(c) and (d) Funds to the extent of Rs. 36.43 crores under capital investment and non-reccurring expenditure of Rs. 26i crores have been earmarked for North-East Region. No such allocations have been made separately for Southern or any other Region in the country except for what has been provided for in the Special Plan.

Import of Pilocarpine Nitrate by M/s. Fairdeal Corporation, Bombay

32. SHRI NAND KISHORE BHATT: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to refer to the answer to the Unstarred Question 1001 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 7th May, 1984 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pilocarpine Nitrate is being imported by M/s. Fairdeal Corporation, Bombay from monopoly source arranged by non-resident Directors/shareholdert for the last several years;

(b) whether it is a fact that th* price of Pilocarpine Nitrate is being increased by the monopoly supplier abroad at the instance of this company; and

(c) what is the amount of increase in the price of Pilocarpine formulations allowed by Government with details of earlier prices and revised prices?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) M/s. Fairdeal Corporation are reportedly importing Pilocarpine Nitrate from more than one source.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) A statement showing the earlier as well as revised prices of Pilocarpine formulations is attached.

Statement

Sl. N.	Name of the formulation and strength	Pack size	Earlier price	Revised price	Total increase	Date of Revision
1	Pilocar Eye Drops 1% . .	5 ml.	3.83	4.94	1.11	23-6-84
2	Pilocar Eye Drop 2% . .	5 ml.	4.59	7.46	2.87	23-6-84
3	Pilocar Eye Drops 4% . .	5 ml.	3.36	3.66	0.30	5-7-84